

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Seward High School
Seward, AK 99664

October 3, 1994

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Vice President
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
Dr. John Nels Anderson, Member
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
Operations, and Technology.
Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Interim Assistant Superintendent,
Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Karen Mahurin Mr. Paul Sayan
Mr. Robert Boyle Mr. Malcolm Fleming
Mrs. Mary Daniels Mr. Dave Dieckgraeff
Mrs. Beth Deeter Mr. Chad Lockwood
Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Turnbull's fourth grade class from Seward Elementary
School signed and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance

SEWARD ELEMENTARY BAND: The Seward Elementary School band, directed by Paul Sayan,
entertained the Board and audience with two musical numbers.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present
Mr. Michael Wiley Present
Mr. Joe Arness Present
Dr. John Nels Anderson Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Absent - Excused
Mr. Emery Thibodeau Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of September 19, 1994, were approved
as printed.

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SEWARD HIGH SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Malcolm Fleming, Principal of Seward Middle/High School, reported to the Board on building improvements made during the summer, changes occurring with the adoption of the middle school concept, and new and ongoing high school programs. He spoke about a cooperative effort with Voc-Tech where students are allowed to take classes at no cost to the students or school. He noted issues of concern related to future school board direction on Site Based Decision Making and the role of PACs and PTSAs, the bus stop at Questa Woods Subdivision, fees charged for school classes/activities or supplies, facility space needed for increased enrollment and the official name change for the school.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether any home schooled students participated in classes at the school. Mr. Fleming responded there were no home schooled students enrolled in any classes at the present time.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read a note from Mrs. Gross who apologized for being unable to attend the meeting in Seward. Mrs. Gross wrote that she was disappointed there would be no representative on the Board from Seward, and reminded the public that school board members represent all areas of the peninsula. She urged constituents to call the members with local concerns.

KPEA: Mr. Paul Sayan, KPEA President, addressed the Board on the importance of clear communication between all parties related to following the negotiated contract and policies of the district. He noted that grievances sometimes occur for matters of interpretation. He commented that he felt the board's action in allowing home schooled students access to public schools was a win-win situation for the students. He urged the Board to reconsider action to allow alternative students opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities. He announced that the KPEA Computer Bulletin Board has two numbers: 283-8750 and 224-8919.

KPESA: Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, expressed appreciation from the school secretaries for placement of school nurses in almost all school buildings. The secretaries felt they could now focus on the demands for their area of responsibility and the concern for student safety, particularly the dispensing of medication, is helped. She extended appreciation to Mr. Wiley for his years of service in responding to the needs of the staff and public.

SEWARD PTSA:

Mrs. Beth Deeter, Seward PTSA President, told the Board she was impressed with the board policy related to PAC/PTA involvement in the schools. She noted the Seward principals and staff work closely with the parent groups on behalf of the students in school. She noted her goal this year was to work closely with the school board, principals and PAC for the benefit of the Seward students.

SEWARD PAC:

Mr. Dave Dieckgraeff, Seward PAC Chairperson, welcomed the Board to the Seward schools and was appreciative for the work completed during the summer in the school buildings. He noted the PAC had contacted numerous people and agencies over the years related to Lake Drive and bus service for those students. To date, no action had been taken and he was concerned about the 34 students standing on the highway waiting to ride the bus. He asked for further direction from the Board. Mr. Dahlgren commented that school buses provide transportation on state maintained roads, and Lake Drive was not a state maintained road. An option was given to parents that the students could be picked up earlier as the bus leaves town, thus alleviating crossing the highway. This was not acceptable to the parents. He noted the area across the railroad tracks was not wide enough to allow for a bus turnaround.

Mr. Dieckgraeff noted the area had been brushed wider this summer and, if necessary, snow could be pushed back further during the winter. Also, the railroad did not have a regular schedule of trains passing that area which is a concern to parents.

RECOGNITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented Mr. Wiley with a plaque of appreciation and gift on behalf of the Board for his six years of dedicated service on the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren presented reports prepared by Superintendent Bromenschenkel on a summary of enrollment which stands at 10,202 students which is 73.5 over projection. He also reported on savings to the district from the Longevity Recognition Incentive Program, and a timeline outlining topics for worksessions on October 17 and November 7. Topics to be discussed on October 17 will be curriculum evaluation and student assessment and on November 7 a Drug-Free Schools Status Report will be presented. Board member Tauriainen requested statistical information from a grant application prepared earlier this year be duplicated for the November 7 worksession. Mr. Dahlgren commented the principals have requested involvement in that worksession with the Board.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
(continued):

Mr. Dahlgren extended congratulations to the Nikiski High School Cross-Country runners on their recent state championships. He also extended congratulations to the foot ball teams of Kenai Central High and Soldotna High for their successful games during the past week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignation, Extended Field Trip Requests and Grant Application.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Bruce White, Special Education/Severe, Soldotna High School, effective September 20, 1994.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for one Nikiski High School student to participate in the 26th Annual Richland Cross-Country Meet, October 6-9, 1994, Richland, WA; for three Seward High FHA students to participate in the 1994 Future Homemakers of America Cluster Meeting in Denver, Colorado, November 2-7, 1994; for six Homer High FHA students to attend the 1994 Future Homemakers of America Cluster Meeting in Denver, Colorado, October 31-November 8, 1994; and for 9-12 Seward High School students to travel to various cities in Mexico, March 16-23, 1995 to learn about the social, political, cultural and economic aspects of Spanish life.

GRANT APPLICATION:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve submitting a grant application to the Department of Education for Goals 2000 Professional Development in the amount of \$4,900.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

Mrs. Obendorf commented the Board held a student expulsion hearing in Soldotna during the afternoon.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following; "The request for expulsion of a Skyview High School Student, GB, came before the Board on October 4, 1994. Expulsion was requested due to a second offense involving possession of alcohol at school in violation of Policy 7.12. That policy requires the administration to request expulsion for a second offense. The fact of possession is not in dispute and the Board considers possession of alcohol as fostering conditions particularly disruptive and contrary to the school setting. In some instances a first offense may warrant expulsion, but a second offense clearly warrants that result.

STUDENT EXPULSION
 (continued):

The student is expelled for the remainder of the 1994-95 school year with provision for limited readmission options as follow:

1. Immediate readmission limited to the District's correspondence program.

2. The Superintendent may allow readmission to a classroom setting at the beginning of the second semester if GB has completed correspondence successfully; has engaged in a counseling program to assist the student in developing skills dealing with peer pressure; and no conduct warranting suspension or disciplinary action occurs during the readmission; and such other conditions as the Superintendent deems necessary.

The cost of any counseling will be the responsibility of the parent although counseling may, at the District's option, be provided through existing programs without charge where such services are already provided by district programs." Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Mr. Wiley stated he would abstain from voting since he did not attend the hearing.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Obendorf
 ABSTAIN - Wiley

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGNMENT:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointment of Caroline Bacus-Venuti as Interim Principal at Nikiski Elementary School for the 1994-95 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the appointment of Caroline Bacus-Venuti as Interim Principal, Nikiski Elementary School. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

HOMER HIGH GYMNASIUM
 DEDICATION:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the renaming of the Homer High School gymnasium in honor of Alice Witte, a deceased Homer High School teacher. He noted the Homer High School PTSA voted unanimously on this request to the school board. Additionally, this request would not require borough assembly approval.

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ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the dedication of the Homer High School gymnasium. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Arness commented he was uncertain of the appropriateness of the issue.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FOR AASB BOARD
 OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSTAND-
 ING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF
 THE YEAR:

Mr. Dahlgren noted Superintendent Bromenschenkel had presented this item in the event the Board would like to nominate a member to the AASB Board of Directors or for the Outstanding School Board Member of the Year Award.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board wholeheartedly nominate Betty Obendorf for the AASB Outstanding School Board Member of the Year Award. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted the Board did not conduct their scheduled worksession prior to the meeting on AASB presented resolutions due to travel delays from Soldotna. However, if any board members wished to present resolutions on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District they were welcomed to do so.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson read the following resolution for submission to the Association of Alaska School Boards:

Whereas, comprehensive school health legislation has floundered in the legislature over perceived moral or sexual concerns;

Whereas, there is a great deal of important non-controversial health information which is being unevenly taught across the state to the potential detriment of Alaskan children (e.g., direct affect rates of health disease and cancer as well as physical endurance ability to learn).

Be It Therefore Resolved that the Association of Alaska School Boards recommends passage of comprehensive school health legislation and strongly recommends mandating the noncontroversial health issues and allowing local boards an option on the contentious health issues. It is suggested

AASB RESOLUTIONS (cont.): that the state provide resources to assist the school districts in implementing such legislation perhaps in conjunction with such groups as the American Cancer Society, American Health Association, American Lung Association, various drug and alcohol organizations, etc. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen and Mr. Arness commented there should be a better way to implement the ideas other than making them mandated. However, they felt the information would be of value, but not in this format. Mrs. Obendorf stated she felt health education was very important and even though she felt all issues should be included, she would support the resolution. Mr. Thibodeau commented he needed more information to support the resolution.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Wiley, Obendorf
NO - Arness, Tauriainen, Thibodeau

Motion failed.

BOARD COMMENTS: The Board extended best wishes to Mr. Wiley on his future endeavors and upcoming election to the borough assembly.

Mr. Thibodeau commented he enjoyed his visit to Seward and would look at the road conditions indicated by the PAC. He congratulated KCHS on an excellent football year.

Mr. Arness stated he was proud of Nikiski students and their year of successful cross-country running.

Mr. Tauriainen requested the administration review their direction on the physical education credit addressed at the Homer meeting. He requested the Board address the policy on naming of schools and facilities. He requested an excused absence from the October 17 meeting.

Mr. Wiley stated he was impressed with the Seward students who signed the Pledge of Allegiance for the Board.

He requested the Board look into the Lake Drive situation in view of changes taking place on that road. He felt a stop could be made away from the road.

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BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf thanked Seward High for being the host for the meeting. She commented that the Seward High School graduations are a highlight for her, and she was extremely pleased with the community support in scholarships for the students. She commented that Seward did a terrific job in sending the students off into the future.

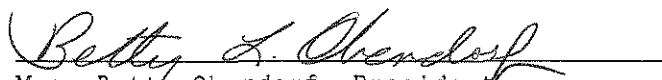
She expressed concern about the bus stop at Lake Drive and requested the administration to come up with a recommendation.

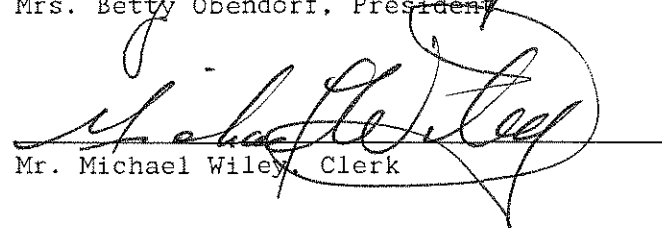
ADJOURN:

At 9:25 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of October 3, 1994,
were approved on October 17, 1994,
as written.